(b) The approved outlays for port sector year-wise in various Annual Plans is as under :-

Year	Annual Plan approved outlay (Rs. in crores)
1992-93	612.76
1993-94	621.54
1994-95	475.00
1995-96	814.13
1996-97	631.60

Gandhian Institute of Studies at Varanasi

2832. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a decision was taken to strengthen the Gandhian Institute of Studies at Varanasi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). Gandhian Institute of Studies (GIS), Varanasi, is one of 27 grantee Institutes of the India Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). It requested for an endownment fund and special grants for strengthening the faulty, construction of staff quarters, faculty rooms, seminar rooms etc. The Plan and Non-Plan grants to the Institute during 1995-96 were Rs.3.32 lakhs and Rs.17.20 lakhs respectively as against Rs.1.40 lakhs and Rs. 12.85 lakhs in the preceding year. The budgets of the Research Institutes, including that of Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi are finalised by the Council keeping in view the overall sanctioned budget of ICSSR.

The Council has appointed a Review Committee to assess the performance of GIS with a view to determining its needs during the IX Plan period.

N.H. Delhi-Amritear

2833. SHRI DARBARA SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision for four laning of the National Highway from Delhi to Amritsar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the above work is likely to be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). The position of 4-laining of NH 1 Delhi-Amritsar National Highway is as under :-

S. No.	Sectiion of NH	Progress/Target date of Completion
1.	Delhi-Murthal (km.0 to 50 km)	Already 4-lane.
2.	Murthal to Samalkha (km.50 to 74.80)	Nearing completion.
3.	Samalkha to Karnal (Km.74.8 to 130)	The contract has been terminated on 3rd May. 1996. State PWD is taking action to complete to the balance work.
4	Karnal to Sirhind (km.132 to 252)	In progress. Likely to be completed by 3/99.
5.	Sirhind to Jalnadhar (km.252 to 372)	Recently completed.
6.	Jalandhar to Amritsar (km. 32 to 452)	Not being considered for 4-laning at present.

[Translation]

Repair of N.H. in U.P.

2834. DR. BALIRAM . Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh is very bad, particularly on Allahabad to Azamgarh section;

(b) if so, the details; thereof and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to repairs, the National Highways in U.P.?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) All the National Highways in Uttar Pradesh are being maintained in traffic-worthy condition within available funds. Highway from Allahabad to Azamgarh is a State Highway and, therefore. the responsibility for development and maintenance thereof lies with the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

National Women Fund

2835. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVINCHANDRA MEHTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount earmarked for the 'National Women Fund' in the years 1995-96;

(b) whether the entire amount has been made available to the needy women;

(c) whether the Non-Government Organisations also provide such assistance; and

(d) if so, the norms laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (d). Government of India have constituted Reshtriya Mahila Kosh on 30th March, 1993 and they placed a corpus fund of Rs.31 crores with RMK. Governing Board of RMK has adopted a policy to give RMK loans to poor women through experienced and competent NGOs. Where NOGs are not available, Women Development corporation and Women Co-operative Societies can also be considered for loans. The extent of credit per woman borrower was fixed at the rate of Rs.2,500/- for short-term purposes, repayable within 15 months and Rs.5,000/- fro medium-term purposes repayable within 3-5 years.

During 1995-96, an amount of Rs.852.00 lakhs was sanctioned to 38 new and 24 repeat NGOs for benefiting 37502 women. In addition, Rs.9.46 lakhs was sanctioned for supporting the formation/stabilisation of self-help groups of women through 10 NGOs.

[English]

N.H. 21- H.P.

2836. SHRI SUKH RAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated damage caused to National Highway No.21 between Pandoh and Manali by floods in the months of September, 1995 (rainy season) ;

(b) when and how much funds were demanded by Himachal Pradesh Government for restoration of the said road and the quantum of funds sanctioned therefor;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon upto January, 1996 and the quantum of funds sanctioned in the month of January/February, 1996; and

(d) the time by which the sanction was conveyed to Himachal Pradesh Government and how much expenditure was incurred thereon upto June 30, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Due to September, 1995 floods the damage to Pandoh-Manali section of NH.21 was estimated at Rs.17.61 crores by the State Government. Estimates amounting to Rs.8.10 crores were sanctioned for restoration works.

(c) and (d). An amount of Rs.700.00 lakhs was allocated during the year 1995-96 for flood damage repairs (new) for National Highways in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Expenditure of Rs.124.08 lakhs has been reported upto January, 1996 and Rs.465.00 lakhs upto June, 1996 for restoration of flood damages to Pandoh-Manali Section of N.H.21.

[Translation]

Goitre

2837. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of areas in the country where incidence of Goitre has been noticed;

(b) whether in certain States it has become highly virulent; and

(c) if so, the names of the places where it has become virulent and the steps being taken to tackle the same and measures contemplated to eradicate the disease from the endemic areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Out of 255 districts surveyed in all States and UTs except Poindicherry, Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Goitre has been found to be endemic in 222 districts of the country.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) In order to tackle the problems of Goitre, the Government is implementing National Iodine Deficiency Disorders Control Programme. All States and UTs except Kerala, Goa and Pondicherry have banned sale of non-iodised salt for consumption.

Besides this, the Government is providing financial assistance to the States/UTs for the following activities:

(i) Establishment of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Control Cell.

(ii) Publicity and Health Education.

(iii) Conducting IDD Surveys/re-surveys.

(iv) Establishment of IDD monitoring Laboratories.

(v) Monitoring the quality of iodised salt.

Higher Education Institute in Jalaun

2838. SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH VARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open any institute for higher education/technical education in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.